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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 11, 2003

Sir:

The following is in response to the December 11, 2002 Office Action in which the Examiner alleges that restriction under 35 USC §121 is required and requested Applicants to elect one of the alleged species.

In response to the restriction requirement Applicants hereby elect with traverse the invention Embodiment 1, illustrated in Figs. 1-6a to which claims 1-22 are directed for further prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, an Office Action examining claims 1-22 is respectfully requested.

With respect to the traversal, it should be noted that claim 1 is directed to a substantially planar transformer and claim 7 is directed to the very same substantially planar transformer but formed on an integrated circuit. Thus, claims 1 and 7 are in fact directed to the same invention. Claims 2-6 depend from claim 1

and claims 8-22 depend from claim 7. Therefore, claims 1-6 are not distinct from claims 7-22 and should be examined together.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (1076.40768X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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